Statement

Statement indicating the allocation of funds for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Mid-Day-Meal, Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya, Teacher Training Programme and Adult Education Scheme during the current financial year and the grant released under these schemes/programme upto the third quarter of the year 2006-07.

(Rupees in crores)

Name of the Scheme/Programme	Allocation of Funds during 2006-07	Grant released upto the third quarter of 2006-07
Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan	11000.00	8975.82
Mid-Day-Meal	5348.00	3792.70
Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya	128.00	104.66 (upto 22-02-2007)
Teacher Training Programme	180.00	162.58
Adult Education	235.50	175.21

The balance amount of funds allocated is expected to be sanctioned by the end of the current financial year.

Recognition of foreign degrees

31. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that graduate and post-graduate level degrees of foreign universities in arts, accountancy, medicines and sciences, technical etc. are duly recognized by Government bodies and institutions in the country;

(b) if so, the details of such foreign degrees indicating names of countries of respective universities, institutions and/or academic councils awarding it;

(c) whether degrees awarded by Universities and institutions in the country have also been awarded due recognition by authorities in these countries;

(d) whether any degrees of any foreign universities/institutions have been de-recognised by authorities in India or *vice-versa*; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (e) According to the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), the Association has not accorded equivalence to the degrees awarded by any accredited foreign university, for prgorammes offered in India, either partly or fully in collaboration with any academic institution. The Association, however, grants equivalence to the degrees awarded by the accredited foreign university(ies), for the full time programmes offered on the Campus of the country of its origin, provided the eligibility requirements and duration of the programme remain the same as that of Indian Universities. The recognition of foreign medical degrees is the subject matter of the Medical Council of India.

Assistance for running girls hostels

32. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether assistance was given to voluntary organizations for running girls hostels under the scheme of "strengthening boarding and hostel facilities for girls" by Government;

(b) if so, the details of the assistance provided during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether grants for the year 2005-06 and 2006-07 have been released;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the action taken/being taken on the proposals pending from the voluntary organizations already running such hostels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir.